Rusk, Panola, and Shelby counties; Panola the returning county.—F. L. Johnston, of Buena Vista, Shelby county, was born in Madison county, Mississippi, October 1, 1840; came to Texas, and settled in Shelby county, in 1844; entered the Confederate army, February 5, 1862, as a private in the Eleventh Texas Infantry, Col. O. M. Roberts, Randall's Brigade, Walker's Division, and served till the end of the war; commenced the practice of law in Shelby county, in 1866; was a member of the House of Representatives of the Fourteenth Legislature, and elected to the Sixteenth Legislature, as a Democrat, without opposition.